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1. WE HAVE REVIEWED QUESTION OF PROPOSED ITALIAN SALE OF G-91Y AIRCRAFT WITH US ENGINES TO ECUADOR AND HAVE CONCONFIDENTIAL

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CLUDED THAT USG WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO SUCH SALE. HOWEVER, WE WILL NOT PROCESS CASE FURTHER AT THIS TIME, I.E., OBTAINING TRANSFER ASSURANCES FROM ECUADOR, IN VIEW OF REPORT IN REF C THAT LATTER MAY NOT BE ACTIVELY CONSIDERING PURCHASE OF G-91Y. IN CONVEYING USG APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE TO APPROPRIATE GOI OFFICIALS, YOU MAY SUGGEST THAT ITALIANS INFORM US WHENEVER ACTUAL SALES CONTRACT

APPEARS IMMINENT SO THAT WE CAN THEN UNDERTAKE STEPS LEADING TO FINAL USG CONSENT TO TRANSFER.

2. WE HAVE ALSO CONVEYED ABOVE TO ITALIAN EMBASSY. VANCE

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